



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2891

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For: THIN FILM DEVICE PROVIDED WITH COATING FILM, LIQUID CRYSTAL  
PANEL AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE THIN  
FILM DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the January 5, 2006 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants  
provisionally elect Species I, with traverse. At least claims 60-81 and 89-110 read on Species  
I. At least claims 60-70 and 89-99 are generic to both Species I and Species II.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related  
that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for  
the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search  
and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP  
§803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be  
made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it  
includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully  
submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid  
unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent  
Office.

For at least the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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